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1. SUMMARY. HEAD OF MALAYSIAN POLICE FORCES INDICATES POLICE  
SPECIAL BRANCH INTELLIGENCE TEAMS WILL BE "REDEPLOYED" IN  
SOUTHERN THAILAND BUT POLICE FIELD FORCE WILL NOT RPT NOT  
RETURN TO BETONG. GOVERNMENT SECURITY FORCES HAVE HAD SUCCESSFUL  
YEAR. POLICE HAVE ALSO UNCOVERED EVIDENCE LINKING COMMUNIST  
ELEMENTS TO BANK ROBBERIES IN MALAYSIA. END SUMMARY.  
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2. FOLLOWING A DEC 23 MEETING WITH THREE JAPANESE OFFICIALS  
VISITING KUALA LUMPUR IN CONNECTION WITH FORTHCOMING  
TRIAL IN JAPAN OF JAPANESE RED ARMY TERRORISTS ALLEGEDLY  
INVOLVED IN LAST YEAR'S ATTACK ON EMBASSY, INSPECTOR  
GENERAL OF POLICE TAN SRI HANIFF OMAR REPORTEDLY TOLD

NEWSMEN THAT MALAYSIAN PARAMILITARY POLICE FIELD FORCE (PFF) WOULD NOT RPT NOT RETURN TO BETONG FROM WHICH THEY HAD WITHDRAWN AT THE RTG'S REQUEST JUNE 6. "THERE ARE MORE EFFECTIVE METHODS" TO FIGHT THE COMMUNIST TERRORISTS; A "MOBILE FORCE" IS PREFERABLE TO SUCH "STATIC" DEPLOYMENTS, HANIFF SAID. HE APPARENTLY INDICATED HOWEVER THAT MALAYSIAN POLICE SPECIAL BRANCH INTELLIGENCE UNITS WOULD BE "REDEPLOYED" ON THE THAI SIDE OF THE BORDER. AT PRESENT MALAYSIA AND THAILAND ARE DISCUSSING NEW OPERATIONAL PLANS AGAINST THE CT'S, HE NOTED, ADDING THAT THE OLD BORDER AGREEMENT IS STILL IN FORCE.

3. ADDRESSING THE INTERNAL SECURITY SITUATION PER SE, HANIFF SAID THAT MALAYSIAN POLICE AND ARMED FORCES HAD NOTABLE SUCCESS THIS YEAR IN CONTAINING COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES, HAVING ARRESTED A TOTAL OF 830 COMMUNIST "ELEMENTS" IN PENINSULAR MALAYSIA, 158 IN SARAWAK AND KILLED OR CAPTURED 52 CT'S SINCE JANUARY. HANIFF ALSO INDICATED POLICE HAD DISCOVERED "SOME CONNECTION" BETWEEN THE COMMUNISTS AND LOCAL BANK ROBBERIES. HE REPORTED THAT POLICE HAVE EVIDENCE OF INVOLVEMENT OF THE MARXIST-LENINIST CT FACTION (CPM-ML) IN A MAJOR BANK ROBBERY IN KUALA LUMPUR. FURTHER DETAILS ON THIS SUBJECT WILL BE ANNOUNCED SHORTLY, HANIFF STATED.

4. COMMENT: WE UNDERSTAND THAT SPECIAL BRANCH PERSONNEL ARE TO BE REINTRODUCED INTO SOUTHERN THAILAND AS "TOURISTS" BUT IT IS NOT CLEAR WHETHER A RESIDENT INTELLIGENCE TEAM WILL BE STATIONED THERE. THIS PRESUMABLY COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED WITH RELATIVE EASE UNDER  
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